

THE HICKMAN COURIER.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1871

THE GREAT STORM OF TUESDAY LAST.

Houses Unrooted and Houses Blown Down.

Damage to the City \$20,000.

The town of Hickman was visited on Tuesday last by a most terrific and destructive storm. In some instances houses were unrooted and others entirely blown down and wrecked, fences swept away on the four winds, and large trees uprooted and uprooted. The storm began threatening about 1 o'clock, and the observer noticed that heavy clouds were approaching both from the north-east and north-west, and it must have been the meeting of these two angry storms, coming from different directions, which formed the furious whirlwind which swept everything before it. It appeared to mark a track of about one hundred yards wide where it was wildest and strongest, and where it lavished its most destructive fury. The storms appear to have met or collided just above town, where they united their strength for the destruction of everything within their sweep. The first object of destruction was the splendid wharf boat, Luminous, of Overton, Steele & Co., which was unrooted and more than one half of the cabin crashed and swept into the river. The damage to the boat will reach \$10,000. The next, was the comparatively new frame freight belonging to the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad, which was leveled to the ground, and is a complete wreck. To replace this house, with the damage to the machinery, etc., will cost \$10,000, at the least calculation. The next point of destruction was the Robinon brick block, occupied by the dry goods house of Plaut Bros., the clothing house of Plaut Bros., and the dry goods house of T. L. Norris. Here the storm struck with most fury, carrying the roof of this entire block before its power like a feather, and sending its timbers and flying debris with such fury as to crush the roofs and sides walls of adjacent buildings. The roof of Mrs. J. B. Ross's two frame stores was crushed in and her stock and building otherwise damaged; the roof of Frenz's Hall capsized and the top of the front wall knocked down; one-half of the roof and the front wall of John Simons' grocery house smashed by the falling timbers from the Robinson block. Passing on from Clinton Street it next struck the residence of Mrs. Heron, upturning the roof and leveling her fencing with the ground. The residence of Mr. N. P. Harness adjoins this, from which the porch was blown away. In West Hickman, a new frame, belonging to an industrious, hard working negro man, by the name of Wallace Winston, was thereby discharged, emptying some twenty-six small shot into the boy's body. He is not dangerously hurt.

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Democratic Ticket

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Democrats and Polite. Momers.

Our red hot neighbor of the Paducah *Herald* is furious in its assault on the Hickman *Courier*, complaining that we have taken the negro testimony question "out of our wing." From the terrible gibes, contortions, convulsions, and writhes our venerable neighbor makes, it seems must have been guilty of some clinching, and yet we can't see it!

The Hon. John G. Carlisle, the present Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky, whose name stands at the *Herald's* masthead, in his speech at Lexington last week, on this very question, said:

"With regard to negro testimony. He had introduced a bill last winter to allow the negro to testify in the State courts. We did not think the privilege of testifying was a right to be demanded by the negro, but the litigant. Nevertheless, he was in favor of colored testimony. He wanted to see the colored men there, and he was in favor of giving them full protection in his person and in his property. He was not an enemy of the black man, but he was a friend of the white man, and protested against the tyranny exercised by the government at Washington against the people of the South."

The Frankfort *Common* reports Gov. Leslie as having said in his opening speech at Frankfort, that he was personally in favor of the admission of negro testimony, in our State courts, and that "had no doubt our next legislature such views" would be adopted. "Democrats," "policy mongers," and "Trimmers" who have for a time assumed the livery of heaven to serve the devil in. "Grae charges truly, to bring against our noble chieftains, Leslie and Carlisle, who are bravely bearing our Democratic banner in the present contest! If they are guilty of deceit and treachery why does the *Herald* strike their names from its herald? It can't spend its fury on the Hickman *Courier* because it favors negro testimony, but it dare not open its mouth in regard to Leslie and Carlisle, who hold the same views.

Worthy further, that the spirit of the Democratic platform pledges the party to such legislation. A resolution drawn by the Hon. John G. Carlisle and offered by a member of the committee on resolutions, which pledged directly the party to such a course, was withdrawn, only because the present platform offered by Col. Breckinridge, (a well known advocate of negro testimony) was understood to cover the whole ground.

The Democracy of every State in the Union not only advocates such a policy but practices what they preach, and in none have we the horrid social relations depicted by the Bourbon papers and speakers. The liberal Democracy promises a future to the party and country, it promises a restoration of liberty to the people, North and South, and a chance for the restoration of the government to its ancient forms and usages, while the Bourbons promise nothing but sectional strife, partisan revenge, and a continuation of the war prejudices and passions with here and there a local triumph, but an eternal national defeat.

The Democracy Gaining Ground.

Chief Justice Chase has written a letter endorsing the Ohio Democratic platform, and it is said will hereafter support the Democratic ticket. Believing that thousands of Liberal Republicans of the North would follow Judge Chase's lead into the Democratic camp, we innocently published his letter, little thinking that we should excite the ire of the hard shell Bourbon of Paducah. The *Herald* thinks because Judge Chase and such old Republican leaders endorse our position that there must be something wrong in it. "Right cannot be made wrong though the devil endorse it." Besides the Democracy is in the minority, must acquire strength from some source to ever obtain a majority, and we therefore pray God for a sufficient number of Republican converts to insure victory in 1872.

A PRIVATE letter from the Hon. J. B. Beck informs us that the Ku Klux Committee is hard at work, and that the weight of evidence will utterly break down the Republican Ku Klux fury. If it be possible for Mr. Beck to agree with the State canvas, it is probable he will visit Hickman.

The political view as set forth by "Mc" in taxing the United States bonds, I leave him and the Democratic party of Ohio and Pennsylvania to settle, and if the Democracy of the other States would let them fight the battle on that issue without let or hindrance, I should have no fears of the issue, but if Silvertooth & Co. must insist on the negro testimony question, and Tread & Co. their right

Colonel Holt's Record.

A correspondent writes as follows:

"You will see by reference to the Hickman *Courier*, that Mr. Warren justly says the bill to provide for the payment of the State debt is of no merit to our people than any other proposition; and yet he *claims* Col. Holt who voted for it, and says he fails to find fault in him. (See Senate journal, page 712, March 22d.)

"How is Mr. Holt's negro testimony now? You remember what the Louis ville *Commercial's* correspondent said of him when he was selected speaker, on the 17th of March last?—*Political Herald*.

The *Herald* refers "Holt's vote against Senator Tyler's Funding bill," and his position of opposition to Negro testimony, to the Hickman *Courier*, and so thinks we should suppose the supposed inconsistency of befriending Holt who opposes those measures and at the same time of opposing Hale and Silvertooth who occupy identical positions with Holt. We concede the *Herald's* right to demand explanation.

We hold that an individual's views on the Tyler Bill, or on the question of Negro Testimony, are not traits of his such an alignment. We do not proscribe a democrat because he opposes Negro testimony, nor will we be proscribed because we favor it. We concede good democrats as we, but claim the right to *prefer* equally as good democrats who advocate policies more in consonance with our views. We should apply the same rule in the Third District, if we were called upon to choose.

The *Herald* attacked Col. Holt because of his vote against Senator McCrory and sought to throw the *Herald* as a democratic organ against him, and hence we came to Holt's defense. We should defend Silvertooth or Hale from a like attack. We did defend Silvertooth only last week from this same charge by the *Herald*.

Besides we do not admit Col. Holt to be ultra on the negro testimony question. We understand him to be liberal in his ideas. We understand him to occupy precisely the same position that Gov. Leslie occupies, that he is personally in favor of it, but obeyed the voice of his people by voting against it. We support Leslie and therefore consistently hold up the pending canvass, Hale does not fully champion this very view, and is mainly and ably struggling to combat the errors and prejudices which pertain to its discussion.

We make no war upon Major Hale either as a democrat, a citizen or a gentleman. We cheerfully concede him all those to a high degree, but exercise our right to differ with him upon questions of policy. We do not say the particular view he represents is anti-democratic, but we do question the wisdom of policy, platitudes, opinions and sentiments known to all.

The Hickman *Courier* cannot find the White Man's Party, and is indignant at every mention of it. The *Courier* has been taking a "new departure" from a Democratic party, and has got entirely rid of their anti-slavery position of the White Man's party. If it will look into the very heart of the Democratic party, and into all the teachings of the fathers, it cannot fail to find the White Man's Party. —*Political Herald*.

We have been looking into the Democratic platform of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, California, Connecticut, Maine, Kentucky, etc., and see no mention of it. If it is at the heart of the Democracy, why are all of our party platforms so silent, and why do our acknowledged leaders like Hendricks, Pendleton, Beck, McCrory, Leslie and Carlisle, not boldly advocate it before the people. Will the *Herald* assert that the Democracy proclaims one thing through their platform, and through their party leaders who are brought face to face with Republican speakers, and yet hold different views as citizens and controllers of the party press?

Either our public announcements are false, or the gibings of these impractical journalists are. Believe us, old friend, this cry of a "White Man's Party" is a fraud and cheat, it is practicable in every sense of the word, and intended only to work up prejudices which can accomplish no good, but will do much harm. It appeals to every white man's natural prejudice, but promises him nothing but continued strife, contention and excitement, about the eternal "nigger."

There are only two great parties in this country, the Democratic and Republican, and other factions, views, sects and creeds must be absorbed by one or the other, preparatory for the great struggle of 1872. These two great parties are marshaling their forces and taking their positions, and in either do we find any recognition for the White Man's Party. Where then will these friends fight in 1872?

The *Herald* in this same issue proudly suggests the name of Gen. Winfield S. Hancock, of Pennsylvania, as its favorite for the Democratic nomination for President. Gen. Hancock is a "New Democrat" and is in hearty accord with the Pennsylvania platform which the *Herald* calls a "departure" into niggaism.

Plainly, since the Democratic party in nearly every State in the Union has adopted this so called "new departure" platform, and there then remains but this "new departure" Democratic party and the Republican party as contestants before the American people, which will be the so called White Man's Party to operate with? This is the condition of the country to day, and we call upon the *Herald* to choose between them. If it decides to set with the Republicans, it continual cry and feel at a White Man's Party is timely and sensible; but if with the Democracy, as we know it is

honest inclinations, it should cease its railings.

We believe the cry of a White Man's Party to be a deceitful and treacherous appeal to the white man, and nothing more, and we therefore denounce it anywhere, and everywhere.

The Courier Schools.

An old friend writing us from Graves county, thinks it strange that the Hickman *Courier* prefers Capt. Wm. Clark to Major Hale, for the Senate, because the *Courier* advocated the School Tax, and Clark now favors its repeal.

We understand Clark and Hale's positions on this question to be the same, or substantially so, that is, they both urge its repeal because of the apprehension that the negro will be admitted. The facts are, that when the additional 15 cent tax was submitted to the people of Kentucky, it was expressly stipulated that the fund so derived was to be used for the education of the White children of the State, and for other purpose. This was a positive contract made by the friends of the measure with the voters of the State. The opponents of the tax made this argument against it, and the *Courier* argued in response that when such an emergency arose, the additional tax could be repealed. We are forced to admit that wherever Radicalism has obtained power in the South they have forced the admission of the negro into the common schools, and there is no question but that they will do so in Kentucky whenever they deem it safe policy.

Therefore, if we act in good faith, we can but consent to its repeal. The mixture of white and negro children is objectionable to both races, and would be injurious to both.

Again, we prefer Clark to Hale, because his views are in perfect harmony with the policies advocated in these columns. We chalked the line we have been advancing so precisely, we have no alternative but to support him. We should pay a poor compliment to our past professions, if after having written as much as we have, and argued as loudly public and privately in favor of negro testimony, and to have it so stretch the law, and as being applicable to the case, but you should remember that possibly that lawyer has got some city bonds, and you know that our interest sometimes causes "us" to stretch the truth, pervert upon the truth, and silence conscience.

The Constitution of the United States, in Art. I, Sec. 8, provides "That Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, but all duties, imposts and excises, shall be uniform throughout the United States," leaving the question of taxation unlimited and without uniformity, while our city charters say "such shall be proportionate to the property of the city, and to the amount of its real estate, together with its personal estate, whether it be goods, stocks or other property and may be required to be sworn to, and our Legislature has said that the words, "personal estate" includes every thing which upon the death of the owner will go into the hands of his administrator.

The Constitution of the United States is to Congress, what our city charter is to the Council of Hickman and while Congress has unlimited power to tax, or exempt from taxation, the Council of Hickman have no right to except only the specific property therein enumerated. Again there are two systems or plans of taxation generally adopted and used—one specific, the other *ad valorem*—and if "Mc" had looked at the fifth and sixth inquiries that I proposed, he would have seen that it was to the latter mode I referred. The decision of Chief Justice Marshall will decide a question of great moment, and it is not a little strange that the *Courier* has not mentioned it.

The *Courier* has been looking into the Democratic platform of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, California, Connecticut, Maine, Kentucky, etc., and see no mention of it. If it is at the heart of the Democracy, why are all of our party platforms so silent, and why do our acknowledged leaders like Hendricks, Pendleton, Beck, McCrory, Leslie and Carlisle, not boldly advocate it before the people. Will the *Herald* assert that the Democracy proclaims one thing through their platform, and through their party leaders who are brought face to face with Republican speakers, and yet hold different views as citizens and controllers of the party press?

We make no war upon Major Hale either as a democrat, a citizen or a gentleman. We cheerfully concede him all those to a high degree, but exercise our right to differ with him upon questions of policy. We do not say the particular view he represents is anti-democratic, but we do question the wisdom of policy, platitudes, opinions and sentiments known to all.

The Hickman *Courier* cannot find the White Man's Party, and is indignant at every mention of it. The *Courier* has been taking a "new departure" from a Democratic party, and has got entirely rid of their anti-slavery position of the White Man's party. If it will look into the very heart of the Democratic party, and into all the teachings of the fathers, it cannot fail to find the White Man's Party. —*Political Herald*.

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Either our public announcements are false, or the gibings of these impractical journalists are. Believe us, old friend, this cry of a "White Man's Party" is a fraud and cheat, it is practicable in every sense of the word, and intended only to work up prejudices which can accomplish no good, but will do much harm. It appeals to every white man's natural prejudice, but promises him nothing but continued strife, contention and excitement, about the eternal "nigger."

There are only two great parties in this country, the Democratic and Republican, and other factions, views, sects and creeds must be absorbed by one or the other, preparatory for the great struggle of 1872. These two great parties are marshaling their forces and taking their positions, and in either do we find any recognition for the White Man's Party. Where then will these friends fight in 1872?

The *Herald* in this same issue proudly suggests the name of Gen. Winfield S. Hancock, of Pennsylvania, as its favorite for the Democratic nomination for President. Gen. Hancock is a "New Democrat" and is in hearty accord with the Pennsylvania platform which the *Herald* calls a "departure" into niggaism.

Plainly, since the Democratic party

For the Hickman Courier.

TAXING CITY BONDS.

Mr. H. W. HALE—I was gratified to find in the *Courier* of last week, that the City Council had found a champion to defend their action, "for exempting the city bonds from taxation in the hands of any one" in the person of W. R. McDonald, and it forcibly brought to my mind an incident of recent date, which I must relate. A gentleman in his immediate locality advocated the right of submitting to the people the question of robbing the people of their property, and that the *Courier* advocated the School Tax, and Clark now favors its repeal.

We understand Clark and Hale's positions on this question to be the same, or substantially so, that is, they both urge its repeal because of the apprehension that the negro will be admitted. The facts are, that when the additional 15 cent tax was submitted to the people of Kentucky, it was expressly stipulated that the fund so derived was to be used for the education of the White children of the State, and for other purpose.

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